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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield.

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DATE OF CONTENT 3 September 1951

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 September 1951, five construction sites were observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. \* Soviet soldiers who were employed for construction work were quartered in several tents on the southern edge of the installation. About 5 a.m., a detachment of 14 VP troops were observed near the tents. They were accompanied by watchdogs and were to guard the field. Construction work began between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. On construction site , in the northwestern portion of the field, a hill was being levelled by means of 12 to 14 prime movers and some graders. A narrow-gauge railroad was used to move dirt from one place to another at the field. Construction site A was almost level with construction site B in the middle. Earth from an elevation in the eastern portion of the middle section of construction site B was removed and hauled to the east. This work was still in its initial stage. About 300 German workers and 60 to 60 Russians were employed on construction sites A and C. No runway was under construction.

2. Construction sites D and E in the southern section of the field were covered with piles of debris. Concrete strips, some of them torn up, were also seen there. The piles of debris were being hauled away. A section of a former taxiway on the northern edge of the field was being torn up. Soviet motor vehicles

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parked near the tents mentioned above. The rails and ties of the spur track had been removed. The former officers' billets and NCO quarters on the southern edge of the field quartered German civilians.

3. Construction work at the field was not halted by the rain. The dimensions of the field were estimated at 2,500 to 2,800 by 600 to 800 meters. \*

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\* Comment. For location of construction sites, see Annex. The construction work was previously reported                      To date, only leveling work has been done at the field. It is believed that work on the planned surfaced runway will not be started before early 1952.

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1 Annex: Sketch on ditto.

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